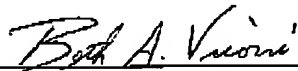


Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-100 and 284-286 are pending. Claims 1, 14, 23, 42, 58, 59, 70, 79, 80, and 91 have been amended. Claims 13, 33-35, 57, 68, 79, 99-107, and 283 have been cancelled. In the office action dated April 1, 2004, the examiner stated that claims 3, 6-14, 26, 33-36, 38-41, 47, 54-56, 58, 59, 68, 78-80, 85, 87, and 100 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 23, 42, 70, and 91 to include the limitations previously recited in claims 13, 33, 57, 78, and 100 respectively. Further, Applicants added claims 284, 285, and 286 to include the limitations previously recited in claims 34, 35, and 68 respectively, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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